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SUBJ: VISIT OF SENATE STAFFDEL

REF: STATE 187345 (NOTAL)

FOR STABLER

1. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO WELCOME STAFFDEL DEHAAN AND TINKER, AND OFFER THEM EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. ECON OFFICER GRAHAME, AID/FADR EXPERT BEAUCHAMP--WHO HAVE PARTICALLY SURVEYED LOCAL SITUATION--AND I WILL BRIEF STAFFDEL FULLY ON RELIEF EFFORTS TO DATE.

2. REGRETTABLY, NEITHER THIS EMBASSY, NOR THE UN, NOR ICRC ABLE MOVE FREELY AROUND ISLAND. LARGELY FOR THIS REASON, NO RPT NO ONE PRESENTLY HAS CLEAR OR COMPLETE PICTURE OF CYPRUS REFUGEE/RELIEF SITUATION. I HAVE JUST COME FROM ICRC/UNHCR-SPONSORED MEETING WHICH MADE ALL TOO PLAIN GENERAL STATE OF CONFUSION THIS REGARD.

3. WHILE MOST REFUGEES IN GREEK AREA, I BELIEVE STAFFDEL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT SEE ISOLATED GREEK ENCLAVES IN TURK AREA AS WELL. LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION, HOWEVER, IS TRICKY. ON GREEK SIDE, WE ABLE
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CARRY OUT CAREFUL DAYLIGHT MOVEMENT TO MOST AREAS. WE

STILL ENCOUNTER GENERAL ANTI-USG HOSTILITY
WHICH TRAGEDY OF AUGUST 19 HAS NOT STILLED; AS DIMENSIONS
OF REFUGEE PROBLEM BECOME CLEAR TO GREEK CYPRIOTS, WE

WOULD EXPECT THAT SENTIMENT TO INCREASE.

4. TRAVEL IN TURK-CONTROLLED AREAS IS MUCH MORE RESTRICTED.
WE HAVE REPEATEDLY FAILED SECURE PERMISSION TRAVEL TO
KARPASS PENINSULA TO VISIT AMCITS THERE. TRAVEL ANYWHERE
IN TURK AREA REQUIRES PRIOR FILING OF FULL ITINERARY AND
SECURING OF WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM EVER-SUSPICIOUS MAINLAND
TURK AUTHORITIES.

5. GIVEN STILL RESTRICTIONS ON UN AND ICRC MOVEMENT, WE
DOUBT THAT EITHER WOULD TAKE STAFFDEL ALONG IN CONVOYS. UN
HAS ALREADY TURNED DOWN EMBOFF REQUEST TO TAG ALONG WITH
FOOD CONVOY. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY'S LOGISTICAL
RESOURCES BADLY STRAINED DUE LOSSES SUFFERED IN AUGUST 19
RIOT. WE COULD THEREFORE PROVIDE ONLY LIMITED TRANSPORT
TO STAFFDEL IN NICOSIA AREA. CAR COULD PROBABLY BE
RENTED THOUGH. NEARBY HOTEL SPACE AVAILABLE. GIVEN SHORTAGE
OF EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION, WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER
BRING STAFFDEL UP FROM AKROTIRI IN CONTEXT
CONVOY FOR OTHER BUSINESS. PERHAPS AMBASSADOR
CRAWFORD'S PROJECTED ARRIVAL THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, WOULD
ENABLE US TO DOVETAIL BOTH PARTIES FOR ONE CONVOY TO
NICOSIA.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EXACT ETA AKROTIRI STAFFDEL. BROWN

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